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Subject: Fwd: Information for FAQs

Hi Maryam,

Our suggested responses to the questions about ATSDR are noted below (blue text). The information about AOEC looks good.

I would suggest that the 5th question not be included in the FAQ sheet because it would be premature for ATSDR to indicate when it will talk with the Work Group. We can answer that type of question after we inform the City of our decision.

We would like to see the draft fact sheet to make comments if needed before it is finalized.

I am in training class all day today and tomorrow. Please use my email or cell number to reach me.

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Libby:

We are in the process of compiling a plain-language FAQ sheet for the October meeting. We would really like to have information about ATSDR and their role and also some information about the AOEC in this flyer. For ATSDR, I have compiled the following suggestions -- I'll give you a call to discuss in a little bit, but wanted to have an email out so you had some idea of what we are looking for:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Who is ATSDR and what do they do?

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), based in Atlanta, Georgia, is a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ATSDR serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->How is ATSDR involved in the Arlanza ~~Neighborhood evaluation~~ Riverside Agricultural Park?

ATSDR received a petition from the City of Riverside. The City requested that ATSDR conduct a public health assessment that will address the possible health effects associated with the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) found at the park and surrounding neighborhoods. ATSDR is currently reviewing the petition request and will inform the City whether the agency will conduct any public health assessment activities.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->3. <!--[endif]-->What is the process that ATSDR will follow to respond to the City's request for a health assessment for the Riverside Agricultural Park ~~northern Arlanza Neighborhood~~?

All requests are evaluated for relevance to ATSDR's mission, whether data are available for analysis, and public health priority. Actions taken on accepted petitions are designed to determine whether people have been, or are currently being, exposed to hazardous substances released into the environment from a hazardous waste site or facility. ATSDR then evaluates whether the exposure is harmful, or potentially harmful, and whether the exposure should be stopped or reduced. These evaluations are based on the available environmental sampling data typically collected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Tribes, or state and local regulatory agencies.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->4. <!--[endif]-->What is ATSDR's timing for that process?

ATSDR anticipates that in October 2016 it should be able to inform the City and the public as to what public health assessment activities the agency might conduct in response to the City's petition.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->5. <!--[endif]-->~~When will ATSDR make a presentation to Work Group?~~

For the AOEC:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->How can a resident learn more about his or her health being affected by environmental exposure? ((???)

If you are concerned about your current health being affected by an environmental exposure, you should first discuss this with your family doctor. If you would also like additional consultation after talking with your doctor, you can contact the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) at the University of California-San Francisco. The AOEC can provide individual medical consultation and if needed, medical evaluation (*do they accept insurance plans*). The AOEC does not provide legal action, investigation or enforcement. You may find more information about AOEC at <http://www.aoec.org/>.

Thanks!

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